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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,

With reference to a leading article in a recent issue of The Times on a canton system in Palestine, may I, as the original author of this idea, explain here my plan which was submitted to the Jewish Delegation at the Conference and brought up in the discussions.

Palestine should be divided into 10 cantons: four Jewish cantons (Valley of Jezreel, Shomron, Galilee, and a part of Judea, with Rehovoth as its centre), four Arab cantons (Nablus area, Hebron area, Acre area, and Jaffa), two mixed Jewish and Arab cantons where British interests exist (Haifa and Jerusalem).

- (2) Each canton should have its own autonomy to decide questions of immigration and land settlement; and it is supposed that the four Jewish cantons should have one common legislation.
- (3) A parliament in Palestine should have three delegates from each canton, two of whom would be selected from the national majority of the canton and the third from the national minority of the canton. The mixed cantons should have one English, one Jewish, and one Arab representative. The High Commissioner an Englishman appointed by the League of Nations should act as President of the Assembly. In this manner there should be 14 Jewish members, 14 Arab members and three English members to balance.

In such a way domination by one side over the other would be impossible and both parties would have their independent National Homes. The British would retain supervision of the whole country and have a permanent control of their commercial and strategical interests (Haifa, and the Holy Places (Jerusalem,.

There was a time in history when Cisjordan was already divided into 10 cantons, known as the 10 tribes of Israel. There must have been some feasible reason for such division of the land.

This proposition is even more than the suggested "meeting the Arabs half-way":-

(1) Even admitting that Palestine was promised during the Lar to both peoples, the Arabs and Jews, the Arabs have already received 99 per cent. of the territory promised to them, even excluding Palestine, whereas the Jews, if not Palestine receive nothing. (2, Leanwhile the greater part of Palestine known as Transjordan was ceded to the Arabs. (3, The suggested cantonization of Palestine gives equal rights to the Jews and Arabs in the remaining part of Palestine, which was proclaimed as a Jewish National Home.

Yours respectfully,

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